

REMARKS

Claims 44, 81 through 90, 92 through 98, 102 through 107 and 123 are pending in the application.

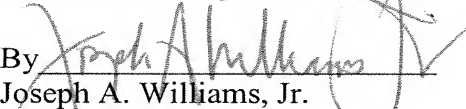
The double-patenting rejection

The applicants acknowledge the rejection of claims 44, 83 through 85, 104, 106, 107, and 116 through 122 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 43 through 48 and 57 in US Patent No. 6,703,050. With the terminal disclaimer filed herewith, the rejection is obviated and may properly be withdrawn.

Accordingly, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request notification of the same.

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